(iii) The police chowki at AIIMS has been instructed to be more alert to nab unscrupulous elements.

Bunglings in Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme

1318. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the bunglings in pulse polio immunization programme held on the 5th November, 2000 throughout the country;

(b) if so, the total amount spent by the Union Government on this programme;

(c) whether camps were set up for pulse polio immunization on papers only and at several places expired polio drops were administered in some States; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and further action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. There has been no bungling in Pulse Polio Immunization programme held on the November 5, 2000.

(b) An amount of Rs. 36.41 crore has been released to 11 States for meeting expenses towards transport mobility, booth operation and social mobilization for the sub national round undertaken on November 5, 2000.

(c) and (d) States have been advised to set up one booth for 250 children. However, depending on the population density and available manpower, the states have been allowed some flexibility on the number of booths to be set up. There has been no reported case of use of expired vaccines.

Vacancies of Heads of Depots in Medical Stores Organisations

1319. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that some position of Heads of Depots under Medical Stores Organisations are remaining vacant for some time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such vacancies are affecting the functioning of the concerned depots;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed by Government to rectify the situation; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that factories under MSO in Chennai and Mumbai are currently non-operational and if so, by when they would be restarted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Only one post of Assistant Director General in Government Medical Store Depot, Hyderabad has been lying vacant for some time. Additional Director, CGHS, Hyderabad has been asked to look after the work of the Depot.

(e) The pharmaceutical factories attached to GMSD, Mumbai and Chennai have been closed since 1.6.1999 because these factories were hardly productive and not serving any purpose. There is no proposal to revive them.

Tuberculosis Control Programme in Karnataka

1320. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme has been implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, which are the districts covered under the above plan;

(c) which are the districts proposed to be covered;

(d) the number of TB patients provided with proper treatment under the above programme during 2000-2001, district-wise; and

(e) the amount released so far to Karnataka during 2000-2001 under the above programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Service delivery under the Revised National TB Control Programme has started in following districts:

1. Bangalore City 2. Bangalore Urban 3. Raichur 4. Bijapur and 5. Bagalkot.

Preparatory activities are being undertaken in the following districts:

1. Bellary 2. Chittradurga 3. Devangere 4. Koppal 5. Bangalore (Rural) 6. Mandya.

(d) A Statement indicating the district-wise details of number of TB patients registered and put on treatment under the RNTCP during 2000-01 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(e) An amount of Rs. 107.65 lakhs has been released to the State/District TB Societies of Karnataka during 2000-01. This is in addition to commodity grant in the form of anti-TB drugs and binocular microscopes provided to the District TB Societies from the Centre.